

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
Monthly Newsletter for the Durham Community
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North Carolina Gun Law: *Carrying Concealed Weapons (N.C.G.S. 14-269)*

It is against the law to willfully and intentionally carry a concealed firearm, on or about your person, while you are not on your own premises unless you have a concealed carry permit. This crime is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent offense is a Class I felony.

Pocket-size cards detailing many North Carolina firearm statutes are available to the public by Project Safe Neighborhoods. Please call 560-4438 x29230 to request cards for your community or organization.

PSN Partner Spotlight: *Gang Resistance Education and Training*

Durham Police officers and Durham County Sheriff's deputies provide Gang Resistance Education and Training lessons to every fourth and sixth grade student in Durham Public Schools. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, bullying, and gang membership. The GREAT curricula features lessons such as communication skills, decision-making, goal setting, conflict resolution, refusal skills, and violence prevention.

ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Crime in Your Community: *Don't be a target for criminals!*

Do not carry large sums of money in your wallet or purse. You don't want to give someone who might rob you all of your money. Keep your money in a bank or someplace secure at home. If you must carry large sums of money on your person be aware of your surroundings at all times. Do not make yourself vulnerable by consuming alcohol. Make copies of each identification and credit card.

Pointers for Parents: *Five Important Lessons to Teach Your Children*

Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. Don't stand around and form an audience when others are arguing.

Learn safe routes for walking in the neighborhood, and know good places to seek help. Know how to contact your parents in the event of an emergency.

Learn to work out your problems without fighting. If you're feeling angry toward someone, talk it out, walk away, stick with friends, or speak with a trusted adult. Try to think of some new ways to settle your problems without violence.

If you find a gun – stop, don't touch the gun, get away, and tell a grown-up you trust.

Report any crimes or suspicious activities to police, school authorities, and parents.

PSN in Your Neighborhood

March 10: Police READS (Eastway Elementary)

March 11: Faith Breakfast